

October 21, 2014

## **BIKE/PED ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes recorded by Rex Hammond. Attendance not noted.

John Harkey called the meeting to order.

**ACTION:** When quorum arrived, the minutes of the August 19 meeting were approved with the correction: John Harkey attended

### **Business:**

#### **Healthy Nashville Leadership Council**

Healthy Nashville Leadership Council representative Julie Fitzgerald Thacker presented a report and request related to the council's work related to community health improvement.

- \* The council advises Mayor and Metro officials on strategic priorities based on a recently completed strategy. Strategy was based on assessment that included data, operations of various organizations and trends.
- \* This information brought together to prioritize vision of a healthy Nashville and is now a part of the strategy.
- \* Goal of the strategy: Establishment of "a culture of well-being."
- \* To ensure they do not overlapped activities other Metro groups and initiatives and to stress collaboration with other groups, the council adopted a "lens" that governs the strategy called "Collective Impact"
- \* Top 3 priorities of strategy
  1. Advance health equities: better systems, focus on greatest risk groups
  2. Focus on mental and emotional well being
  3. Maximize the built and natural resources: improve air, land and water and increase active transportation
- \* Julie reported that the Healthy Nashville Leadership Council seeks a collaboration with BPAC related to this objective: Review local reports on benefits of active transportation options and conduct additional research as needed to inform policy recommendations

**ACTION:** A quorum was present and approved the creation of a BPAC committee to meet, seek opportunities to work together. An email will be sent to BPAC members to seek those interested on serving on such a committee

#### **State of Metro (Bicycle & Pedestrian issues)**

Kim Hawkins reported on a meeting she, John and Laurel attended with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in preparation of the Mayor's State of Metro report and address.

- \* They reviewed the objectives and accomplishments of BPAC over the past two years.
- \* A partial list of those accomplishments include: Hiring a bicycle coordinator, increased bicycle parking, hosting bike summit, resubmission of bike friendly community, mobility plans, speed reduction review, safe routes to school program, more robust routing through construction zones, a recommendation for an update of transportation study, infrastructure increase, increase in bike lanes, greenways, emphasis on bike commuting, first bike box, more bike parking downtown and bCycle success, crash s
- \* Feedback from mayor: Encouraged more focus on increasing mode share and commuting as they play a high priority in having the city designated "bike friendly."
- \* Also encouraged emphasis on encouraging Bicycle friendly businesses

### **Speaker Bureau Committee Report**

Mary Pat Teague reported that early use of the presentation. Answers to questions from early community meetings will be added into future presentations. Laurel reported that other neighborhood committees have sought presentations after hearing about the first presentation.

### **Bike Friendly Application**

In preparation on a resubmission of application to be designated a higher level of bicycle-friendly city by the League of (?), discussed the following

- \* Need better mode share data
- \* Need to articulate and advise the league reviewers on Metro area vs. core city
- \* Deadline is February
- \* Pubic Works and Civic Infrastructure reviewing, working

### **Bike Friendly Businesses**

Kim encouraged the creation of a "Bike Friendly Business" challenge. to encourage the increase in businesses that designate Bike Friendly by the League of American Bicyclists

### **September 2014 Bike Counts (Liz Thompson and John Harkey)**

- \* Around Vanderbilt is the area of most concentration
- \* Men-Women ratio: Far more men.
- \* Walkers have increased significantly
- \* Overall mode share could not be calculated because cars weren't counted on all locations
- \* Need for mode share counts

## **Commuter Routes Committee**

John Harkey made presentation/report on the work of the commuter routes committee:

\* Centennial - Downtown Bicycle Connector: Showed plans for a potential early phase of a project to evolve Patterson Street into a Bicycle Boulevard that would provide a route from Centennial Park to three different gateways into downtown: Church Street, Charlotte and Jo Johnston/Capitol View. Committee has started referring to the Patterson Street project as the Centennial-Downtown Bicycle Connector to emphasize how the route can also serve tourists using bCycles and others who want to bike between Centennial Park and Downtown for recreational, tourism and other reasons in addition to active commuting.

\*Woodland Street: In a community meeting, concerns raised by residents on center lanes, business needs. More data requested. Peter is going to set up meeting with business owners.

## **Bicycle Helmets**

\*Discussed the issue of having helmets available for Bcycle. John Harkey reported on research related to how other programs handle the issue. (See attached report.)

## **New Business / Discussion**

\* Several items discussed that together could all be covered in updated transportation strategic plan, said Kim Hawkins.

\* Complete Streets Policy: Kim said time will be allowed in the next meeting to cover it in depth, especially how it can be made to work for everyone, including construction community